

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**In RE: Application of S. BIRKEL, et al**

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**AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents

and Trademarks,

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 15, 2003, please make the following changes and consider the following REMARKS: